

Outstanding Nursing Alumni Award Recipient – 2019

Mikeal Fountain, RN, BSN
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Biography

Mikeal Fountain graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler Division of Nursing in May, 1990. He was one of 11 graduating nursing students that year. He began his nursing career as a charge nurse on the telemetry unit at East Texas Medical Center. Two years later, when the cardiac program was started at ETMC, he was hired as the first, and only, registered nurse for the cardiac catheterization lab. Through the years, he has been instrumental in developing the cardiac program and is now the director overseeing the Cardiovascular institute at the University of Texas Health- Tyler campus and manager over 150 staff and managerial members. During his professional role, he has shared his knowledge with nursing students through being a frequent guest speaker for Nursing 4632, has provided many lunches for Nursing 3611 during presentations, has gifted the skills lab with equipment and supplies, as well as driven several faculty members, including Dr. Belinda Deal, Danita Alfred, and others to school and conferences throughout the state.

He is passionate about patient care and has actively supported the development of future nurses during his 30-year nursing career after graduating from UT-Tyler. He strongly believes that if you care for employees and peers using the biblical value of “do unto others as you would have them do unto you”, the employees in turn will care for their patients in the same manner. This basic principle has served him well through life to ensure success in general.

